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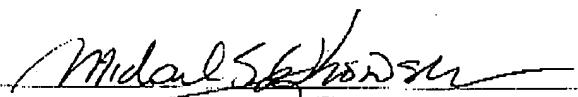
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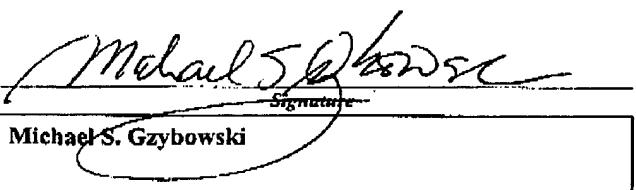
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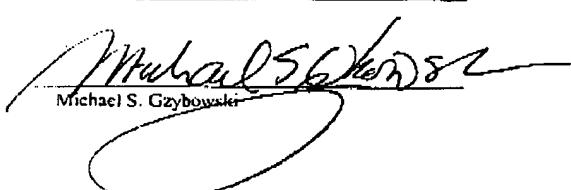
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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed September 5, 2006 in connection with the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.